

may see where they are drifting to and turn a new leaf and be a Christian in word and deed. May God be with us now and ever more. More anon.

L. A. W.

#### Kanemorado District Conference.

Held at Falls City, Neb., Sept. 8 to 12. Notes by H. M. Lichty, Sec.

1. The attendance was not large, but the representation of the district was very fair.

2. The meetings were held in the Baptist church where our people have held regular services for a year. It is a new, commodious building, and by the way, just a block distant our people have a rock foundation built for a new Brethren church to be very similar to this one.

3. The program as published in the EVANGELIST was carried out with very few exceptions.

4. For this reason we will not state who read papers. However the convention seemed specially impressed with the way the subjects were handled by the sisters and the young people in their respective sessions. Attention is called specially as both these organizations are young in the district, but are doing noble work.

5. Christ Forney was moderator of the conference and with his genial manner succeeded in pleasing all.

6. Ed. Mathers is a whole choir in himself, and led the music with success. It seemed everybody in this convention *could* sing and *did* sing and everyone knows what this means.

7. It is a rare thing to find so large a per cent. of ministers who sing and especially was every one impressed with the time, the spirit, the enthusiasm of our older preachers, A. J. Hixson, Christ Forney and others.

8. From without the district we had with us J. D. McFaden, C. F. Yoder and Louis Bauman, a trio of workers that any convention may feel proud of. We thank you brethren again and again for the interest you have shown in our work.

9. The sunrise meetings were larger than the gospel number, and all felt that his promise was fully verified in these meetings. Sunday he was present. A glorious way to begin the day's work. Of course only those who attend these meetings, whether they be conventions proper or early morning prayer meeting will realize the good that may be derived from them. O that we could draw our people to these meetings as the world draws to fairs, shows, political conventions, etc.

10. During the convention sermons were preached by brethren Keller, Hixson, C. F. Yoder and McFaden. All these meetings were highly appreciated by all.

Brother Yoder had a good house on the evening of the discussion of foreign missions. Charley seems to have no trouble in convincing all that he is in real earnest. A collection at the close for the foreign mission fund resulted in \$5.57. Brother McFaden with his "lantern" lit up brightly a very dark subject and the needs of home mission work, especially in the great city of Chicago, was very apparent to all. The collections and subscriptions to the Chicago mission fund at the close of the meeting resulted in \$57.

11. Brother Brubaker told the convention of a rich field in Kansas City, where we have already a nucleus of workers. He hopes in the near future to take charge of this work.

12. Ora Brown, of Norcatur, Kan. was present and took deep interest in all the work. At the last session he was fully ordained to the ministry by Rev. McFaden and E. L. Yoder.

13. It was decided that \$300 should be raised for support of an evangelist.

14. By informal ballot, Eld. A. J. Hixson was almost unanimously elected as district evangelist, and by motion the conference assigned the work of the evangelist as outlined by the general conference of this year.

15. Arrangements were made for Brother Hixson to canvass the entire district at the earliest date possible in the interest of Ashland College, and at the same time arrange for the coming year's work and attend to such other business as may come before him as district evangelist.

16. J. B. Whipkey, treasurer of the Mission Board, reported \$69.17 in the treasury.

17. The district donated to J. D. McFaden all interest it may have held in the tent purchased a year ago under direction of Brother McFaden.

18. A resolution was passed to be forwarded to the managers of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, to be held at Omaha in 1898, protesting against the proposition of California wine growers to erect an immense wine tank on the grounds for free distribution of wine, and that our people should not attend under such circumstances.

19. The officers of our Young People's work under the K. C. organization, are—Clarence Yoder, President; Sue Friend, Vice President; A. H. Lichty, Secretary; Anna Shafer, Treasurer.

20. At the close of the second evening's session the order of the program was "Social Handshake," conducted by Rev. J. H. Burnworth. His remarks prior to the actual demonstration of what there is in the shake of the hand, were quite to the point and made the social event of the

convention, everybody having taken part.

21. A feature of this convention was the talks on "What five things do you expect of your pastor?" answered by five lay members, and "What five things should pastors expect of the laity?" The first part of this was rather brief, so it doesn't take a lay member very long to tell the preacher what he expects of him. The preachers being accustomed to dishing out such advice in smooth words need more time to sugar-coat and administer the dose. But there was no spitting. All was given and taken in the best of spirits and good was accomplished.

22. It was brought out in the S. S. C. E. session that the women's work at Pony Creek has resulted in rebuilding the church that was carried away by storm over a year ago. A resolution of appreciation of their work was passed. The society at Pony Creek is only a little over a year old, having been organized by Sister Grossnickle on her missionary tour across the Missouri.

This tells what results from organized labor. Our annual conventions, district and national, are crystalizing our forces, and it is a pleasure to see how the Lord's work is advancing.

#### College Notes.

Interest in paying off the balance of the indebtedness is rapidly growing. Reports are encouraging. Places visited so far are all right and the money will soon be in the hands of the committee. Come, brethren, lay hold. Now for a hard push. See that your congregation stands in the paid list. Don't say we can't. The terms of payment are such that all can if they want to. Now, please, want to.

G. W. RENCH.

#### From Lanark, Ill.

We have all returned from the conference and have settled down to our regular work again. The hot weather seems to be over, the congregations are good, and the interest seems to be commendable. We have had two accessions by immersion since our last report. Two young ladies united with the church on the last Sunday before the District Conference.

I rather admire the way in which these two young people came to unite with God's children. They were comrades, and all their parents, save one are members of the church. They talked the matter of serving their Master over among themselves, calmly and seriously and reasonably, and rightly concluded to become children of God. One of the parents was informed that they were ready, on the next Sunday, to be immersed. The father, using wise judgment, drove to town